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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Mr. Charles L.A. Terreni  
Chief Clerk/Administrator  
South Carolina Public Service Commission  
101 Executive Center Dr., Suite 100  
Columbia, SC 29210

Re: Negotiated Multi-Month Contract Between Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. and One of Its Industrial Customers Designated Confidential and Proprietary Trade Secrets of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.  
**Docket No. 2009-160-G**

Dear Mr. Terreni:

Please allow this correspondence to serve as notification that the Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") does not oppose the implementation or approval by the South Carolina Public Service Commission of the contract of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. ("Piedmont") filed by Piedmont with the Commission on April 6, 2009. ORS has reviewed the non-redacted contract, understands the terms and conditions of the contract, and has formed the opinion that its implementation is not contrary to the public interest or other customers of Piedmont.

ORS additionally does not oppose Piedmont's assertion that the non-redacted contract contains proprietary and highly sensitive confidential information or its request that such be maintained under seal by the Commission.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

John W. Flitter

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